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NEIGHBORHOODS

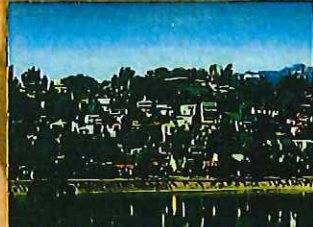
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CHICAGO: LAKEVIEW



LOS ANGELES: SILVER LAKE

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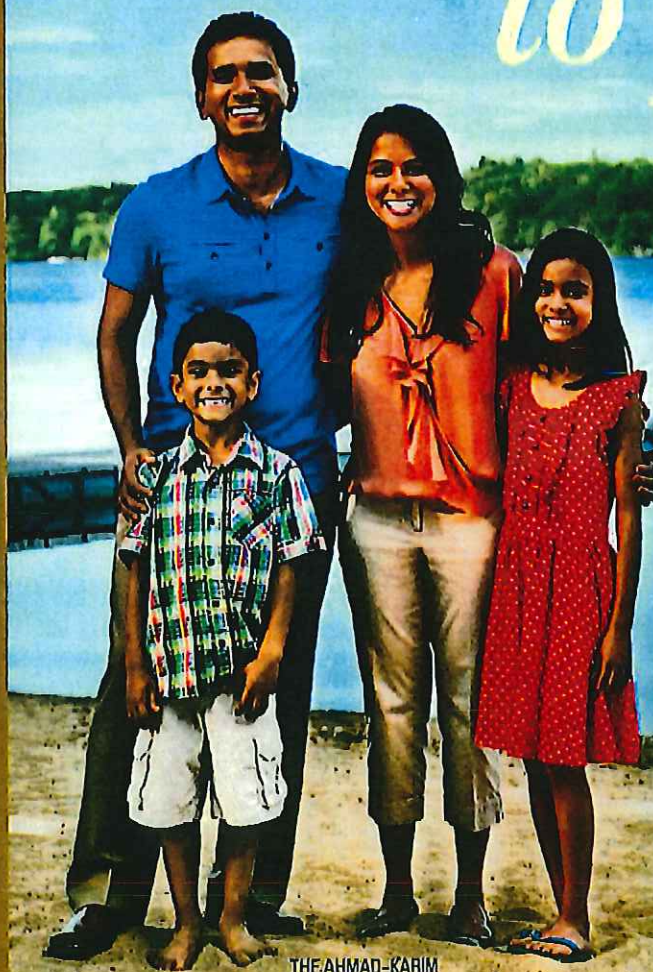
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**TOP 50
SMALL
TOWNS**

No. 1 | SHARON, MASS.

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GREAT TOWN,
BAD HOUSE?
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THE AHMAD-KARIM
FAMILY IN NO. 1, SHARON

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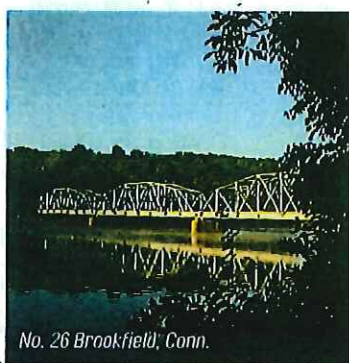


50 AMERICA'S BEST SMALL TOWNS

These places score high on many of the qualities that families look for in a hometown. The icons show where each town stands out.

KEY TO ICONS

Health Economy Employment Education Home affordability



No. 26 Brookfield, Conn.

- 1 SHARON, MASS. pop. 17,844
- 2 LOUISVILLE, COLO. 18,924
- 3 VIENNA, VA. 18,285
- 4 CHANHASSEN, MINN. 23,685
- 5 SHERWOOD, ORE. 18,738
- 6 BERKELEY HEIGHTS, N.J. 13,345
- 7 MASON, OHIO 31,761
- 8 PAPILLION, NEB. 18,837
- 9 APEX, N.C. 40,205
- 10 WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP, PA. 22,421
- 11 WESTFORD, MASS. 22,407
- 12 PARKER, COLO. 47,790
- 13 MONTVILLE, N.J. 21,715
- 14 FARMINGTON, UTAH 19,135
- 15 SHREWSBURY, MASS. 38,048
- 16 HILLSBOROUGH, N.J. 38,828
- 17 APPLE VALLEY, MINN. 49,863
- 18 WESTFIELD, IND. 31,857
- 19 NEWCASTLE, WASH. 10,723
- 20 THE COLONY, TEXAS 39,055
- 21 SAVAGE, MINN. 27,711
- 22 WAUKEE, IOWA 14,945
- 23 MERRIMACK, N.H. 25,686

- 24 FIRESTONE, COLO. 10,629
- 25 DRAPER, UTAH 43,974
- 26 BROOKFIELD, CONN. 16,788
- 27 FARMINGTON, MICH. 10,378
- 28 MENOMONEE FALLS, WIS. 35,974
- 29 LINDEN, UTAH 10,846
- 30 WINDHAM, N.H. 13,599
- 31 LA PALMA, CALIF. 15,878
- 32 COPPELL, TEXAS 39,787
- 33 SUWANEE, GA. 16,002
- 34 HORSHAM, PA. 15,094
- 35 LEESBURG, VA. 46,140
- 36 MILL CREEK, WASH. 18,834
- 37 ANKENY, IOWA 46,973
- 38 TWINSBURG, OHIO 18,636
- 39 CHESHIRE, CONN. 28,433
- 40 BALLWIN, MO. 30,523
- 41 MONTGOMERY VILLAGE, MD. 33,052
- 42 SOLON, OHIO 23,012
- 43 EVANS, GA. 30,874
- 44 PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS 49,481
- 45 SPRING HILL, TENN. 30,568
- 46 BUFFALO GROVE, ILL. 41,761
- 47 PELHAM, ALA. 22,297
- 48 PEACHTREE CITY, GA. 34,889
- 49 WALNUT, CALIF. 29,484
- 50 SIMSBURY, CONN. 34,889



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